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TITLE OF INVENTION METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERACTIVELY TRANSMITTING MULTIMEDIA INFORMATION OVER A NETWORK WHICH REQUIRES A REDUCED BANDWIDTH (AS AMENDED)

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NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY

Substitute declaration (paper #11)

PART I.

- This communication is responsive to amendment filed 5/17/96, Examiner's Amendment (paper #12), Examiner interview (paper #13).
- All the claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice Of Allowance And Issue Fee Due or other appropriate communication will be sent in due course.
- The allowed claims are 2-12, 14-26, 31-36, 40 and 41.
- The drawings filed on _____ are acceptable.
- Acknowledgment is made of the claim for priority under 35 U.S.C. 119. The certified copy has [] been received. [] not been received. [] been filed in parent application Serial No. _____ filed on _____.
- Note the attached Examiner's Amendment.
- Note the attached Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTO-413.
- Note the attached Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance.
- Note the attached NOTICE OF REFERENCES CITED, PTO-892.
- Note the attached INFORMATION DISCLOSURE CITATION, PTO-1449.

PART II.

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR RESPONSE to comply with the requirements noted below is set to EXPIRE THREE MONTHS FROM THE "DATE MAILED" indicated on this form. Failure to timely comply will result in the ABANDONMENT of this application. Extensions of time may be obtained under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL APPLICATION, PTO-152, which discloses that the oath or declaration is deficient. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION IS REQUIRED.
- APPLICANT MUST MAKE THE DRAWING CHANGES INDICATED BELOW IN THE MANNER SET FORTH ON THE REVERSE SIDE OF THIS PAPER.
 - a. Drawing informalities are indicated on the NOTICE RE PATENT DRAWINGS, PTO-948, attached hereto or to Paper No. 3. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - b. The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ has been approved by the examiner. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - c. Approved drawing corrections are described by the examiner in the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT. CORRECTION IS REQUIRED.
 - d. Formal drawings are now REQUIRED.

Any response to this letter should include in the upper right hand corner, the following information from the NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE AND ISSUE FEE DUE: ISSUE BATCH NUMBER, DATE OF THE NOTICE OF ALLOWANCE, AND SERIAL NUMBER.

Attachments:

- Examiner's Amendment
- Examiner Interview Summary Record, PTO-413
- Reasons for Allowance
- Notice of References Cited PTO-892
- Information Disclosure Citation, PTO-1449

- Notice of Informal Application, PTO-152
- Notice re Patent Drawings, PTO-948
- Listing of Bonded Draftsmen
- Other

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Part III EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT and REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. An Examiner's Amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 C.F.R. § 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the Issue Fee.

Authorization for this Examiner's Amendment was given in a telephone interview with Joseph Sawyer on June 6, 1996.

2. The application has been amended as follows:

a. Please delete the present title and insert therefor --METHOD AND SYSTEM FOR INTERACTIVELY TRANSMITTING MULTIMEDIA INFORMATION OVER A NETWORK WHICH REQUIRES A REDUCED BANDWIDTH--.

b. On page 1 of the specification, in the line after the title, please insert the following paragraph,

--CROSS REFERENCE TO RELATED APPLICATION

D This application is a continuation-in-part (CIP) of application Ser. No. 07/975,824 filed November 11, 1992, now U.S. Pat. No. 5,325,423.--

c. In claim 31, line 7, delete "location" and insert thereof --layer--.

3. The following is an Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance:

a. As per independent claim 40, the limitations of "optimizing the program material by separating the information into primary and secondary layers (line 7)" and "the program materials further optimized by enhancing information in the primary layers to provide a perceived improvement in the quality of information when presented to a user, and by compressing at least a portion of the optimized program materials to reduce the bandwidth (lines 10-15)" are not anticipated by the prior art of record and would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the prior art of record.

b. As per independent claim 41, the limitations of "means for enhancing the layers ...through selective use of an objective quality standard that includes metrics of the quality of the layers, and a subjective quality standard that is controlled by user feedback (lines 7-13)" are not anticipated by the prior art of record and would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the prior art of record.

c. As per independent claim 31, the limitations of "means coupled to the linking means for controlling the quality of the first and second sets of program source materials by selective use of an objective quality standard that includes metrics of the quality of the layers, and a subjective quality standard that is controlled by user feedback (lines 14-20)" are not anticipated by the prior art of record and would not have been obvious to a person of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made in view of the prior art of record.

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4. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Steve Hong whose telephone number is (703) 308-5465. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00 AM-5:30 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Heather Herndon, can be reached on (703) 305-9701. The fax phone number for this group is (703) 305-9724.

Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application should be directed to the Group receptionist whose telephone number is (703) 305-3800.

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